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TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL  
FALL  
COMMENCEMENT

December 13, 2013  
Hanner Fieldhouse  
Statesboro, Georgia



GEORGIA SOUTHERN  
UNIVERSITY

# GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY



Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University, is a member institution of the University System of Georgia. It is one of the most comprehensive centers of higher education in Georgia. A residential campus of more than 20,500 students, Georgia Southern is one of the top universities of choice in Georgia for new freshmen and for HOPE Scholars. Students come from 49 U.S. states and more than 90 nations, bringing a broad spectrum of backgrounds, interests and talents to the University community.

Georgia Southern's hallmark is a superior educational experience with all of the benefits of a major university, but the feel of a much smaller college. It is this combination that serves as the foundation for the University's outstanding reputation for academic excellence and focus on its students. At Georgia Southern, our students value a well-rounded college experience, a faculty where professors know their name and their first priority is teaching. In addition, students appreciate a campus environment that encourages learning and growing. With expanding graduate programs and opportunities for discovery, Georgia Southern also embraces its research mission.

The University offers 125 degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's and doctoral levels through eight colleges: College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, College of Education, College of Business Administration, College of Health and Human Sciences, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology, College of Science and Mathematics and the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies. Georgia Southern is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and has earned special accreditation from professional and academic associations that set standards in their fields.

The University is listed in U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges and was named one of the top 10 most popular universities in the country in 2012. The University has also been recognized as one of the most military friendly schools by multiple publications including G.I. Jobs and Military Advanced Education. In addition, its outstanding College of Business Administration and Nursing programs continue to be recognized among the best in the country.

Founded in 1906 as a district agricultural school, Georgia Southern's century of history has built a tradition of spirit, pride and achievement. The institution advanced to become a teachers' college, a senior college and in 1990 earned its status as the first university in the southern half of Georgia. Located in Statesboro, a safe, classic Main Street community of approximately 30,000 residents northwest of Savannah, the University provides enriching cultural and educational opportunities to people of all ages, and reaches out to benefit the region and state through research and public service.

Georgia Southern's more than 900-acre campus is one of the most beautiful in the state, featuring gently rolling lawns, scenic lakes and soaring pines. The historic heart of campus is a classic college portrait – buildings of red brick and white columns framed by live oaks and an archway of pecan trees. Beyond the circle of the original buildings, classic and contemporary lines blend in an expanding horizon of new facilities, connected by a paver-tiled walking boulevard called the Pedestrium. During the past decade, the University has witnessed extraordinary development with the construction of new academic, housing and athletics facilities. Continued enhancement and growth of the campus include the construction of a new Biological Sciences Building, dining and recreational facilities.

Georgia Southern serves the Coastal Southeast region, the state and the Southeast United States through research and public services that promote educational, economic, cultural and social progress through creative solutions to regional challenges. Research varies from probing the genetic chemistry of disease-spreading parasites for keys to their biological control, to advancing the economic development of the region. Centers for business research and development, rural health, international studies, public affairs, teacher education, rehabilitation technology, water policy and biostatistics involve teams of experts working on regional and community concerns. The University extends educational opportunities through both undergraduate and graduate online degree programs and classes accessible from anywhere in the world with an Internet connection.

Georgia Southern has gained recognition for its nationally competitive athletics program. The University's 15 Division I teams compete in the Southern Conference and the University recently joined the Sunbelt Conference. Across-the-board commitment to excellence has resulted in an unprecedented six NCAA Football Championship Series (FCS) football national championships and NCAA participation in men's and women's basketball, baseball, golf, softball, women's tennis, women's track and field and volleyball.

The University also has an active alumni program serving more than 75,000 alumni around the world. Some of the University's prominent alumni include country music star Luke Bryan; Mike Davis, Executive Director of the U.S. Golf Association (USGA); Hala Moddlemog, former President of Arby's Restaurant Group and President elect of the Metro Atlanta Chamber; and Dan Cathy, President and Chief Operating Officer of Chick-fil-A.

For more information, visit the University's home page [GeorgiaSouthern.edu](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu).

# ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

## **Graduation with Honors**

Undergraduate students who accomplish a high level of academic achievement, as reflected by their grade point average, receive distinction as follows:

*Grade Point Average:*

3.5-3.69 *Cum Laude*

3.7-3.89 *Magna Cum Laude*

3.9-4.0 *Summa Cum Laude*

Students graduating with honors are distinguished at commencement exercises by a blue and white honor cord attached to the left shoulder of their gowns. Their distinction is recognized by notation on their diplomas and in their academic transcripts.

*NOTE: Since programs are prepared in advance of the receipt of final grades, the listing of graduates and honor recipients may, in some instances, be inaccurate. Also, in addition to GPA, there are other requirements to qualify for graduation with honors. The fact of graduation and the receipt of honors are validated by the students' permanent records which are kept by the Office of the Registrar.*

## **University Honors Program Scholars**

The University Honors Program (UHP) offers a special Honors curriculum to a select group of academically talented students. In addition to high academic standards, the Program requires a substantial commitment to community service and experiential learning. The diplomas of graduating University Honors Program Scholars are distinguished by the UHP designation.

## **University Honors Program 1906 Scholars**

The 1906 Scholarship is the most prestigious award for incoming freshmen in the University Honors Program. In addition to their participation in the University Honors Program, these students enroll in a sequence of additional seminars dedicated to service, leadership and research.

# THE SYMBOLS OF ACADEMIC TRADITION

## **The Mace**

Leading the Processional of faculty and administration is the Macebearer, the faculty member holding the rank of professor with the highest seniority of service at Georgia Southern University.

The Mace is a two-and-one-half foot shaft and sphere of cast Everdur Bronze and carved American walnut. This representation of the ceremonial symbol of office and authority was designed and crafted in 1988 by Thomas P. Steadman, Associate Professor of Art. Its angular forms and low-gloss finishes are reminiscent of the medieval battle mace from which the more scepter-like academic mace evolved.



The design of the Mace blends forms suggested by native flora of South Georgia. The magnolia leaves and stems encircling the head of the mace in a double helix symbolize Georgia Southern's link with its region. A small ballast rock, found on the Georgia coast and traced to probable British origin, is embedded in the finial base of the shaft representing the foundation of the institution.

## **Regalia**

The history of academic attire is also traced to the Middle Ages when it may have been necessary for scholars to wear gowns and cowls for warmth in the unheated halls of academe of the period. The robes and hoods have evolved as ceremonial garments signifying level of degree, academic field, and the awarding institution.

Today's gowns for baccalaureate, masters, education specialist, and doctoral degrees are made of a rayon blend, always black. Bachelors gowns have pointed sleeves and are worn closed. The gowns for the masters and specialist degree, also worn closed, have an oblong sleeve with a base that hangs open at the wrist. The doctoral gowns have bell-shaped sleeves which may be worn open or closed. It is the tradition of Georgia Southern to reserve hoods for masters and education specialist degree candidates. These hoods are black, three and one-half feet long, lined with the official colors of the institution, and trimmed in velvet in the color of the degree field.

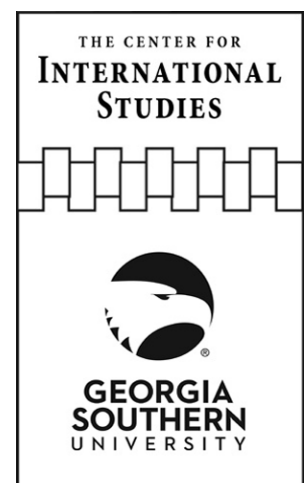
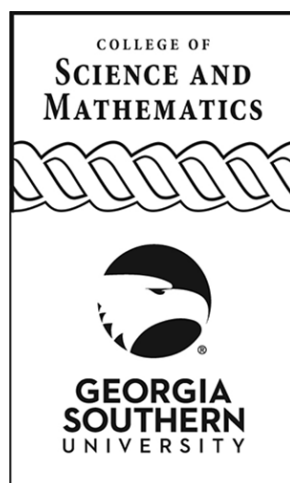
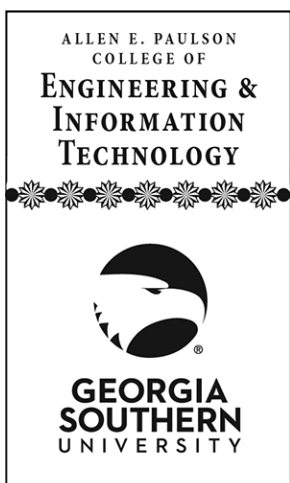
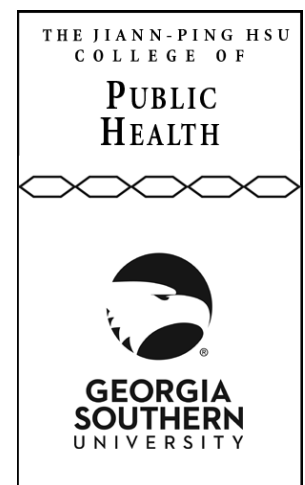
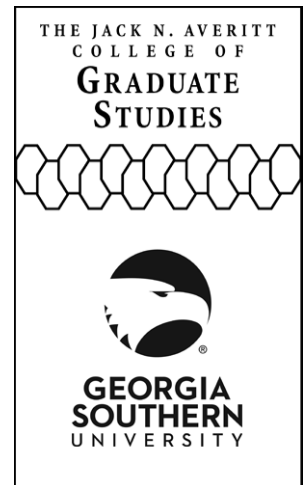
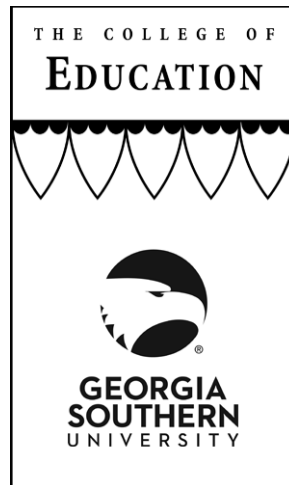
Caps in the form of mortarboards are made of cotton poplin or a similar material. The tassel is the color which reflects the degree.

The ornamental braided cord draped over the left shoulder of some of the baccalaureate graduates is called a fourragère. The design follows French military tradition and signifies special recognition of baccalaureate students graduating with honors.

## **Banners**

Banners representing each of the eight Colleges, the Center for International Studies, and the University Library are displayed at Commencement. Representation of the Banners signifies the colors of disciplines in the Colleges, and celebrates the University's academic programs.

## COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY BANNERS



# ACADEMIC COLORS

## Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies

Light Blue	Doctor of Education
Apricot	Doctor of Nursing Practice
Royal Blue	Doctor of Philosophy
Citron	Doctor of Psychology
Light Blue	Education Specialist
Drab	Master of Accounting
	Master of Arts
White	English
White	History
White	Social Science
White	Sociology
White	Spanish
Light Blue	Master of Arts in Teaching
Drab	Master of Business Administration
Light Blue	Master of Education
Brown	Master of Fine Arts
Pink	Master of Music
Peacock Blue	Master of Public Administration
	Master of Science
Science Gold	Biology
Science Gold	Computer Science
Sage Green	Kinesiology
Science Gold	Mathematics
Citron	Psychology
Sage Green	Recreation Administration
Sage Green	Sport Management
Orange	Master of Science in Applied Engineering
Apricot	Master of Science in Nursing
Orange	Master of Technology

## Giann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health

Salmon Pink	Doctor of Public Health
Kelly Green	Master of Healthcare Administration
Salmon Pink	Master of Public Health
Sage Green	Bachelor of Science in Health Science

## Center for International Studies

	Bachelor of Arts
Aquamarine	International Studies
	Bachelor of Science
Aquamarine	International Trade

## College of Business Administration

	Bachelor of Arts
Copper	Economics
Drab	Bachelor of Business Administration
	Bachelor of Science
Maroon	Hotel and Restaurant Management

## College of Education

Light Blue	Bachelor of Science in Education
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## Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology

	Bachelor of Science
Science Gold	Computer Science
Orange	Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
Orange	Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Technology
Orange	Bachelor of Science in Construction
Orange	Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
Orange	Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology

Science Gold	Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
Orange	Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Orange	Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology

## College of Health and Human Sciences

	Bachelor of Science
Maroon	Child and Family Development
Maroon	Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design
Maroon	Interior Design
Maroon	Nutrition and Food Science
Sage Green	Recreation
Sage Green	Sport Management
Sage Green	Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training
Sage Green	Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology
Apricot	Bachelor of Science in Nursing

## College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

	Bachelor of Arts
Science Gold	Anthropology
Brown	Art
Crimson	Communication Arts
White	English
White	History
White	Modern Languages
Pink	Music
Dark Blue	Philosophy
Dark Blue	Political Science
Citron	Psychology
White	Sociology
Brown	Theatre
White	Writing and Linguistics
Brown	Bachelor of Fine Arts
Gold & White	Bachelor of General Studies
Pink	Bachelor of Music
	Bachelor of Science
Silver	Communication Studies
Crimson	Journalism
Crimson	Multimedia Communication
Dark Blue	Political Science
Citron	Psychology
Crimson	Public Relations
White	Sociology
Orange	Bachelor of Science in Graphic Communications Management
Science Gold	Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies

## College of Science and Mathematics

	Bachelor of Arts
Science Gold	Biology
Science Gold	Chemistry
Science Gold	Geography
Science Gold	Geology
Science Gold	Physics
	Bachelor of Science
Science Gold	Geography
Science Gold	Geology
Science Gold	Mathematics
Science Gold	Bachelor of Science in Biology
Science Gold	Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
Science Gold	Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
Science Gold	Bachelor of Science in Physics



## EMERITUS FACULTY

**President Keel has recommended to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia that the following faculty members be granted emeritus status upon retirement:**

**Dr. Phyllis Surrency Dallas**, Associate Professor of Writing and Linguistics, who retired from Georgia Southern University on June 30, 2103. Dr. Dallas received her Ph.D. in English from Tulane University in New Orleans in 1991. She earned both her M.A. in English and her B.S.Ed. in English Education (magna cum laude) from Valdosta State College (now Valdosta State University) in 1975 and 1973, respectively. She began her teaching career at Valdosta High School and then continued as an instructor at Georgia Military College in Valdosta, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Thomas Community College in Thomasville, Tulane University (as a teaching assistant), and the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. She arrived at Georgia Southern as a Temporary Instructor in 1988. From that beginning, she spent 25 years in ever-ascending faculty positions, with a promotion to Instructor in 1990, to Assistant Professor in 1992, and to Associate Professor in 2002 (after earning tenure in 1997). She culminated her career holding a position as Interim Chair, where she led her department of some 50 faculty members during her last two years before retirement. She taught numerous courses in the area of writing and held professional memberships in the National Council of Teachers of English, College Communication and Composition, and Phi Kappa Phi. Her scholarly activities included a wide variety of conference presentations and publications, on topics ranging from pedagogical theory, composition studies, to distance learning, in venues across the nation. During her 25 years of service to Georgia Southern, Dr. Dallas served on more than five dozen departmental, college, and university committees, served as honors thesis director, and actively mentored new faculty. By a unanimous vote of her colleagues and in recognition of her meritorious contributions and service to the department, college, University, and profession, Dr. Phyllis Surrency Dallas is awarded the title of Associate Professor Emerita of Writing and Linguistics.

**Professor Jill Lockwood**, Professor of Accounting, who is retiring December 31, 2013. Professor Lockwood earned her B.A. degree in Economics from the University of Florida (1969). She received her J.D. (1974) and L.L.M. Taxation (1979) from Emory University School of Law. At the time of her retirement, Professor Lockwood will have contributed 29 years of service to the University. Prior to joining the Georgia Southern faculty in 1984, Professor Lockwood served at Georgia State University where she taught individual income tax, intermediate III, and corporate income tax. During her tenure at Georgia Southern, she taught tax, legal studies, and introductory accounting for non-business majors. Her research interests included individual income tax, partnership tax, estate and gift tax, and income taxation of estates and trusts. She holds a CPA certificate from the state of Georgia and is a member of the Georgia Society of CPAs and Past President of the Education Foundation of the Georgia Society of CPAs. She is the author of over 50 articles and in 2012 the Georgia Society of CPAs voted Professor Lockwood the Outstanding Accounting Educator for the state of Georgia. For her numerous contributions

to the department, college, University, and profession, Professor Jill Lockwood has earned the title of Professor Emerita.

**Dr. Donald Rakestraw**, Professor of History, who retired June 30, 2013. Dr. Rakestraw received both his Bachelor of Arts (1975) and Master of Arts (1980) degrees from Jacksonville State University. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1991 from the University of Alabama. Joining the faculty at Georgia Southern in 1988, he completed 25 years of distinguished service at the time of his retirement. During his tenure, he served on countless committees for the department, college, University, and state. He also worked with SOAR, American Studies, teacher education, and study abroad, directing a graduate seminar at Oxford University for over ten years. Highlights of his work with the community include long-time direction of the Social Science Fair and contributions to the Portal Centennial Celebration. He has published dozens of articles, essays, reviews, and book chapters as well as two books, one of which, *Prologue to Manifest Destiny*, won the Choice "Academic Book of the Year" award. For all of his meritorious contributions to the department, college, University, profession, and community, Dr. Donald Rakestraw has earned the title of Professor Emeritus of History.

**Dr. Susan B. Trimble**, Professor of Middle Grades Education, who retired December 31, 2012. Dr. Trimble earned her Doctorate of Education degree in Educational Leadership from Florida State University (1995), her Education Specialist degree from Florida State University (1993), her Master of Science degree from Nova Southeastern University (1990), and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Lawrence University (1967). She also holds Administration and Supervision (P-12) Level 6 Certification with the Georgia Department of Education (2006) and a Georgia Teaching Certification in Middle Grades (2006). At the time of her retirement, Dr. Trimble had provided over 16 years of distinguished service to Georgia Southern University. Her initial appointment at Georgia Southern was as an assistant professor in the Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education. She served in this position from 1996 until 2002, at which time she was promoted to associate professor. Dr. Trimble was promoted to full professor in 2008. During her tenure at Georgia Southern, Dr. Trimble provided leadership in the development and teaching of online graduate courses and served as chair of numerous doctoral dissertations and research projects. She also continued to be an active participant in partner schools in the region. A prolific scholar, she published over 50 peer-reviewed professional journal articles and presented at over 45 national and international conferences. Her contributions earned her recognition from her peers in middle level education, receiving the College of Education's Jack Miller Educator of the Year Award in 2002. For her numerous and distinguished contributions to the department, college, University, profession, and community, Dr. Susan B. Trimble has earned the title of Professor Emerita of Middle Grades Education.

## HONORARY DEGREES AWARDED BY GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents approves the awarding of a highly-selective honorary degree, which is conferred by University System of Georgia institutions to recognize individuals of notable achievement in an academic field, the arts and letters, their

profession, or public service. Since 1996, Georgia Southern University has been privileged to confer Honorary Doctoral Degrees to the exceptional individuals listed below.

BETTY FOY SANDERS	<i>Doctor of Fine Arts</i>	August 11, 1996
THE HONORABLE CARL SANDERS	<i>Doctor of Laws</i>	August 11, 1996
ALLEN E. PAULSON	<i>Doctor of Science</i>	June 14, 1997
THE HONORABLE F. EVERETT WILLIAMS	<i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>	December 8, 1997
JACKIE ANDERSON STRANGE	<i>Doctor of Letters</i>	June 14, 1998
THE HONORABLE ARTHUR GIGNILLIAT	<i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>	December 19, 1998
WILLIAM FREEMAN	<i>Doctor of Letters</i>	May 8, 1999
EMMA KELLY	<i>Doctor of Fine Arts</i>	May 9, 1999
EUGENE M. BISHOP	<i>Doctor of Letters</i>	May 13, 2000
HALA MODDLEMOG	<i>Doctor of Letters</i>	May 5, 2007
LUIS A. AGUILAR	<i>Doctor of Public Service</i>	May 11, 2013

# College of Science and Mathematics

## College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

**9:00 A.M. Ceremony**

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

#### **FACULTY MARSHALS**

*Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies*

*College of Science and Mathematics*

*College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

JOHN R. DIEBOLT, Ph.D., Associate Dean and Professor, Jack  
N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies  
LANCE D. MCBRAYER, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Biology

ENKELEIDA K. LAKURIQI, Ph.D., Lecturer, Mathematical  
Sciences  
JAMES M. LOBUE, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Chemistry

ADRIENNE L. COHEN, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Sociology  
and Anthropology  
LETICIA L. MCGRATH, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Foreign  
Languages

#### **READERS**

*College of Science and Mathematics*

*College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

TAVIS K. ANDERSON, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Biology  
MARK A. EDWARDS, Ph.D., Fuller E. Callaway Professor,  
Physics

BRADLEY C. EDWARDS, Ph.D., Lecturer, Literature and  
Philosophy  
TIFFANIE P. TOWNSEND, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Art

#### **THE PLATFORM PARTY**

BROOKS A. KEEL, Ph.D., President  
MEG HEAP, J.D., District Attorney, Eastern Judicial Circuit  
Chatham County, Savannah, Georgia  
JEAN E. BARTELS, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for  
Academic Affairs  
ROBERT L. WHITAKER, M.B.A., Vice President for Business  
and Finance  
SALINDA A. ARTHUR, M.S., Vice President for University  
Advancement and President, Georgia Southern University  
Foundation  
TERESA E. THOMPSON, Ph.D., Vice President for Student  
Affairs and Enrollment Management  
STEVEN C. BURRELL, Ed.S., Vice President for Information  
Technology/Chief Information Officer  
CHARLES E. PATTERSON, Ph.D., Vice President for  
Research and Economic Development and Dean, Jack N.  
Averitt College of Graduate Studies  
RUSSELL T. KEEN, B.B.A., Vice President for Government  
Relations and Community Engagement  
CURTIS EUGENE RICKER, D.A., Dean, College of Liberal  
Arts and Social Sciences  
MARTHA L. ABELL, Ph.D., Dean, College of Science and  
Mathematics  
VELMA S. BURDEN, Ed.D., Registrar  
GARRETT L. GREEN, President, Student Government  
Association and Graduate Student, Higher Education



## **PROGRAM**

*PROCESSIONAL	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> (Military March No. 1, Op. 39) by Edward Elgar Performed by: HEIDI A. ORDAZ, Graduate Student, Master of Music, Performance
MACEBEARER	PAMELA G. BOURLAND-DAVIS, Ph.D., <i>Professor and Chair, Communication Arts</i>
INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT	PROVOST BARTELS
WELCOME	PRESIDENT KEEL
MEDITATION	DEAN ABELL
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	DEAN RICKER
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	MRS. MEG HEAP
RECOGNITION OF EMERITUS FACULTY	PROVOST BARTELS
CONFERRING OF GRADUATE DEGREES	PRESIDENT KEEL DEAN PATTERSON
RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES	PROVOST BARTELS
CONFERRING OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES	PRESIDENT KEEL PROVOST BARTELS DEAN ABELL DEAN RICKER
*ALMA MATER	ASHLEY NICOLE RIVERA, <i>Graduating Senior, Bachelor of Music, Performance</i>
*RECESSIONAL	<i>Wedding Day at Trolldhaugen</i> by Grieg Performed by: HEIDI A. ORDAZ, Graduate Student, Master of Music, Performance

\*AUDIENCE PLEASE STAND

*We would like to thank the ROTC Cadets and other Georgia Southern University volunteers for their assistance with today's ceremony.*

## JACK N. AVERITT COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

### ***Doctor of Psychology***

Brian D. Carlson

B.A., Auburn University, 2004

M.S., Georgia Southern University, 2011

Dissertation: *Sports Message Boarding: Associations with  
Sports Team Identification and Social Well-Being*

Major Professor: Jeffrey Klibert, Ph.D.

### ***Master of Fine Arts***

#### ***Art***

Virginia Russell

B.A., Agnes Scott College, 1968

M.Ed., Georgia Southern College, 1972

Ed.D., University of Georgia, 1979

Thesis: *Earthbound*

Major Professor: Mark Moulton, M.F.A.

### ***Master of Fine Arts***

#### ***Graphic Design***

Julian Strayhorn II

B.A., Georgia State University, 2009

Dissertation: *Supa Black: Reexamining the Black Superhero*

Major Professor: Edward Rushton, M.F.A.

## **JACK N. AVERITT COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

### ***Master of Arts***

Elizabeth A. Cullen  
Robert Jerome Greene II  
Rachel M. Jackson  
Wesley Michael-Thurmon Kent  
Matthew Allen Luke  
Peter Joseph McCollum  
Marla Katherine Middleton  
Cameron Anne Rocker  
Lacey Arrie Shorter  
Ryan Oliver Sipe  
Malorie Amber Sponseller  
Natalie M. Torres Rivera  
James Walker

### ***Master of Music***

Tony Bernard Jackson, Sr.  
Kellye Jean Watts  
Alan Franklin Wendel  
Hui Ching Angela Wong

### ***Master of Public Administration***

Jeffrey Deandrew Jackson  
Tara L. Martin  
Jeffrey A. Thorpe II  
Earle Wingrove Turner, Jr.  
Kayla Marie Whaley  
Justin Bair Wingard

### ***Master of Science***

Meznah Raja Al Buqami  
Brittany Dané Arrington  
Andrii Berdnikov  
Wade Carlton Carruth III  
Leigh Ann Colley  
Franklin Martelli Collins  
Kelly Elizabeth Dabney  
Matthew Robert Erickson  
Kelly F. Heino  
John David Jarzen  
Erica L. Johnson  
Matthew David Kaunert  
Yuxiang Li  
Johnathan Craig Martin  
Vanessa Marie Miller  
Erica Gabrielle Moore  
Sarah Osborn  
Tasia Monique Pinkston  
Marshall West

## **COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS**

### ***Bachelor of Arts***

Justin Benjamin Griner  
Roger Franklin Johnson II  
Stephen Matthew MacDonald  
Scott Nyland Markley  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Eric Tyler Mosley  
Jihan Joy Padgett  
Tiffany Danielle Rozier  
Michael Andrew Stegall  
Cameron Alexander Thompson  
Mark Kainbridge Weaver  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Hayes Tolbert Wilkinson

### ***Bachelor of Science***

Zachary M. Anderson  
Zachary Thomas Ansley  
Christine Michelle Brussell  
Jacob Colby Hill  
Megan Lee Hodnett  
Angelice Josephine Ingalls  
Brian Wesley Jones  
Kurt Villadsen Klein  
Sherry Lynn Landin  
Lauren Ruth Millirons  
Zack Edward Schaner

### ***Bachelor of Science in Biology***

Alexander Lee Aichele  
Norinthia Michele Aldrich  
Emily Ann Ballance  
Calli Elizabeth Beasley  
Taylor Evans Britton  
Nichelle Alyssia Brown  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Natika Santesa Byse  
Makim Travis Christian  
Cody Timothy Crowder  
Molly Rebecca Dalton  
Michael Wayne Deloach  
Stephen Gary Eller  
Pamela Tatianna Etienne  
Matthew Lee Evans  
Brittany Tania Fields  
Tamia Lorraine Finney  
Samuel Junior Garr  
James Spencer Green  
Kelly Lynn Hadden  
Lauren Taressa Hutton  
Ogonna Catherine Ifeadike  
Lauren Collese Jackson  
Terrell Anthony Jackson  
Cierra D. Joyner  
Jolie Kamara Kahn-Foss  
Courtney Alexandria Kelley  
Alexis Nicole Lanser  
Mary Elizabeth Ludwig  
Courtney Jenae Lumpkin

#### *Cum Laude*

Raven Symone Madison  
Skye Alexis Mainer  
Jennifer Nicole Margert  
Daron Danté Martin  
Derrick Justin Mayers  
Brooke A. McKie  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Brandon Allister McMaster  
Grayson Seth Mendieta  
Richard Tyler Mims  
Mitsy Jannet Moreno  
Bloussy Nonorme  
Inez Alicia Parker  
Ayn Constance Remillard  
Meagan Noel Rowe  
*Cum Laude*  
Jasmine Racquel Russell  
Gil Reo Salazar  
Scott Alan Sample  
Christopher Myles Shepherd  
William David Shoemaker  
Micah Todd Spivey  
Jack Jaamal St. Jean  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
*University Honors Program Scholar*

Heather Suzanne Stanfield  
Brittney L. Stewart  
Nadia Simone Stringer  
Koren Leonora Tate  
Ashley M. Thomas  
Shawna Denise Wade  
*University Honors Program Scholar*  
Michelle Diane Wallen  
Kieandria Sheniece Williams  
Amy Denise Yawn  
Katherine Dorothy Zielke  
*Summa Cum Laude*

### ***Bachelor of Science in Chemistry***

Alexander Bryant Bush  
Jeffrey Dana Carreker  
Bré Casey Coleman  
Ciara LeAnne Couderc  
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INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	DEAN AMASON
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CONFERRING OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES	PRESIDENT KEEL PROVOST BARTELS DEAN DAVOUD DEAN AMASON
*ALMA MATER	ASHLEY NICOLE RIVERA, Graduating Senior, Bachelor of Music, Performance
*RECESSIONAL	<i>Wedding Day at Troldhaugen</i> by Grieg Performed by: HEIDI A. ORDAZ, Graduate Student, Master of Music, Performance

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M.B.A., Western Washington University, 2010

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Shortage Gaming, and Retail Promotions Demand Shock:  
A Discrete Event Simulation Experiment*

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*PROCESSIONAL	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> (Military March No. 1, Op. 39) by Edward Elgar Performed by: HEIDI A. ORDAZ, <i>Graduate Student, Master of Music, Performance</i>
MACEBEARER	MICHAEL MOORE, Ed.D., <i>Professor, Department of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading</i>
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#### **Educational Administration**

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B.S., Georgia Southern College, 1985

M.Ed., Georgia Southern University, 1990

M.Ed., Georgia Southern University, 2003

Dissertation: *Examining the Experiences of Women Superintendents in Georgia*

Major Professor: Daniel W. Calhoun, Ph.D.

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#### **Educational Administration**

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B.S.Ed., Georgia College & State University, 1996

M.Ed., Georgia College & State University, 2002

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Dissertation: *Alternative School Principals' and Teachers' Perception of Their School Setting*

Major Professor: Gregory Chamblee, Ph.D.

### **Doctor of Education**

#### **Educational Administration**

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M.Ed., Georgia College & State University, 2001

Ed.S., Georgia College & State University, 2002

Dissertation: *Personal and Institutional Factors Affecting Assistant Principals' Career Advancement Decisions in Georgia*

Major Professor: Lucindia Chance, Ed.D.

### **Doctor of Education**

#### **Educational Administration**

Angela Faye Horrison-Collier

B.S., University of North Alabama, 1980

M.S., University of North Alabama, 1981

Ed.S., Troy State University, 2008

Dissertation: *The Relationship between Mentoring, Job Satisfaction and the Retention of Special Education Teachers*

Major Professor: Kymberly Drawdy, Ph.D.

### **Doctor of Education**

#### **Educational Administration**

Ian Ransom Potter

B.A., Clemson University, 2002

M.Ed., Clemson University, 2004

Ed.S., Georgia Southern University, 2010

Dissertation: *Investigating Academic Motivation among NCAA Division I Football Players within their Competition and Non-competition Semesters*

Major Professor: Devon Jensen, Ph.D.

### **Doctor of Education**

#### **Educational Administration**

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B.A., Augusta College, 1991

M.P.A., Georgia Southern University, 1999

Ed.S., Augusta State University, 2003

Dissertation: *Reasons Urban African American Males Drop out of High School and their Resolutions: Perceptions of Administrators, Graduation Coaches, and Dropouts*

Major Professor: Hsiu-Lien Lu, Ed.D.

### **Doctor of Education**

#### **Educational Administration**

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B.S., Armstrong Atlantic State University, 2004

M.Ed., Armstrong Atlantic State University, 2007

Ed.S., Georgia Southern University, 2010

Dissertation: *Elementary Principals' Leadership Practice Towards Response to Intervention (RTI) Implementation: Perceptions of Teachers in Southeastern Georgia*

Major Professor: Hsiu-Lien Lu, Ed.D.

### **Doctor of Education**

#### **Educational Administration**

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M.Ed., Georgia Southern University, 1998

Dissertation: *Parent Expectations of Elementary School Leaders, Teachers, and Staff: An Examination of Elementary Schools in a Southeastern Georgia School District*

Major Professor: Brenda Marina, Ph.D.

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#### **Educational Administration**

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B.S., Georgia Southern College, 1982

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Dissertation: *Teacher Perceptions of the Impact of Reduced School Budgets on Their Ability to Meet Instructional Needs of Their Students*

Major Professor: Russell O. Mays, Ed.D.

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Dissertation: *Transferability and alignment of Program Exemplars in Teacher Preparation*

Major Professor: Teri Denlea Melton, Ed.D.

### **Doctor of Education**

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Dissertation: *Perceptions of Teachers and Administrators Regarding the Teacher Evaluation Process*

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### **Doctor of Education**

#### **Curriculum Studies**

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Dissertation: *Cultivating the Environmental Awareness of Third Graders through Inquiry Based Ecopedagogy: Impact on Students' Achievement and Attitudes*

Major Professor: Gregory Chamblee, Ph.D.

**Doctor of Education  
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B.S., University of West Georgia, 2004  
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Dissertation: *Understanding Sisterhood through Black Women's Feminist Life Narratives*  
Major Professor: Daniel Chapman, Ph.D.

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Dissertation: *Who Cares? High School Students Speaking Out About Their Apathy for Schooling in Southeast Georgia*  
Major Professor: Ming Fang He, Ph.D.

**Doctor of Education  
Curriculum Studies**

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Dissertation: *Counterstories from Urbanization of a Suburban Black School in Georgia*  
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Dissertation: *Southern Discomfort through the Metaphorical Wings of the Vampire: An Educator as the Other in the U.S. South*  
Major Professor: Ming Fang He, Ph.D.

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Dissertation: *Two Small Rural Schools under Siege: An Oral History 1969-2012*  
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Dissertation: *Teachers' Perceptions and Satisfaction with Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) in a Southeast Georgia School District*  
Major Professor: Michael Moore, Ph.D.

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Dissertation: *Are Best Practices in Literacy Best for Students of Color? An Investigation into what Literacy Teachers do to Teach Literacy Skills to Students of Color*  
Major Professor: Michael Moore, Ed.D.

**Doctor of Education  
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B.S., Freed-Hardeman University, 1997  
M.A., North Georgia College and State University, 2005  
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Dissertation: *Intentionally Diverse: A Historical Case Study of a Southern Private School's Ten-Year Diversity Initiative*  
Major Professor: Michelle Reidel, Ph.D.

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Curriculum Studies**

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M.Ed., Armstrong State College, 1979  
Ed.S., University of Georgia, 1990  
Dissertation: *"A Song for You" As a Tribute to the Daughters of the South: Illuminating the Work of Black Women Principals*  
Major Professor: Sabrina Ross, Ph.D.

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B.A., North Carolina College at Durham, 1979  
M.A., North Carolina Central University, 1981  
Ed.S., Troy University, 1996  
Dissertation: *Housing Patterns, Academic Performance and School Choice: An Inquiry into the Relocation Experiences of African-American Families*  
Major Professor: Sabrina Ross, Ph.D.

**Doctor of Education  
Curriculum Studies**

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B.S., Troy State University, 2006  
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Dissertation: *The Laughter Behind: Curriculum of Place, the Hypermasculine Imperative, and the Critical Education of a Southern Cop*  
Major Professor: Sabrina Ross, Ph.D.

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Dissertation: *The Cultural Studies of Science Education*  
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Dissertation: *Muffled Voices: Discourses of the Academic  
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Dissertation: *Reimagining the Liberal Arts in a Technoscientific  
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Dissertation: *Robustness of Multiple Imputation Under  
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**Doctor of Public Health**  
**Community Health Behavior and Education**

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Dissertation: *Exploring the Perceptions, Practices, and  
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Igbo Children in Atlanta, Georgia: Recommendations to  
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**Doctor of Public Health**  
**Community Health Behavior and Education**

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Dissertation: *Epidemiology of Hospital Acquired Methicillin-  
Resistant Staphylococcus aureus in a Veterans Affairs  
Medical Center Spinal Cord Injury Unit: Fiscal Years 2008-  
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**Doctor of Public Health**  
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M.D., University of Lomé, 2003

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Dissertation: *Demographic and Clinical Characteristics  
Associated with Loss to Follow-up for HIV Primary Medical  
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# “Freedom”

is a non-releasable American Bald Eagle permitted to Georgia Southern University  
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Today, Georgia Southern University acknowledges the remarkable achievements of our graduates and celebrates a popular and enduring commencement tradition with the appearance of Freedom, our American Bald Eagle mascot. Freedom's arrival during the singing of the Georgia Southern Alma Mater signifies the conclusion of the commencement ceremony. He serves not only as an ambassador for wildlife, but as an iconic reminder of the strength and majesty of our nation.

Freedom is a male Southern bald eagle that was found knocked out of the nest in Maitland, Florida. Only weeks old and appearing like a “brown ball of fuzz,” it was discovered that the young eagle had an injury to his beak and suffered from an infection. Rushed to the Florida Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, Freedom made a complete recovery from the infection, but the injury to his beak was permanent, preventing his release into the wild. With the permission of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Georgia Southern acquired Freedom in 2004.

Through the Georgia Southern University Center for Wildlife Education and Lamar Q Ball, Jr. Raptor Center, thousands of visitors young and old are embraced by the power of Freedom. Freedom is one of three American Bald Eagles housed at the 18-acre sanctuary, located in the heart of Georgia Southern's campus. The Center also contains numerous species of native raptors, reptiles and amphibians.

For more information, visit: [www.GeorgiaSouthern.edu/wildlife](http://www.GeorgiaSouthern.edu/wildlife).

## Did You Know?

- The bald eagle is found only in North America.
- The bald eagle became the official symbol of the United States of America in 1782.
- Georgia Southern University adopted the eagle as its symbol in 1960.
- The bald eagle owes its name to the Middle English term “balled,” meaning “shining white.” The adult bald eagle's head and neck feathers are all white, giving it the name “balled eagle,” meaning “white eagle.”
- The bald eagle has a wingspan of 6-8 ft., and makes its home along coastlines and large bodies of fresh water.
- Eagles are mature at five years of age.
- Eagles require a 25-mile hunting territory and appear to mate for life (can live as long as 50 years).
- Forty years ago, the bald eagle was nearing extinction with just 417 nesting pairs of birds known in the United States. Today, the bird has made a remarkable comeback and is now off the Endangered Species List.
- In 1983, no nesting pair of eagles could be found in Georgia. Today, Georgia has more than 150 known nesting pairs throughout the state.





# Georgia Southern University Alma Mater

Caryl Cain Brown

David Mathew



1. From hum-ble farm be - gin - nings Sprung up from san - dy earth A -  
2. Through tri-umphs and through tri - als Our Al - ma Ma - ter's stood as



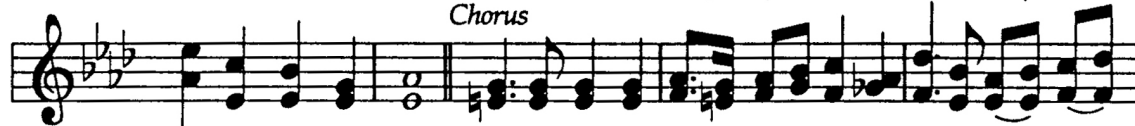
mong the tow-ring pine trees stands a trea-sure of great worth. Her price can - not be  
sol-id as the oak trees for - jus - tice and for good. As through these gates we



mea - sured in sil - ver or in gold but in the love and loy - al - ty that  
tra - vel and though our ways must part our Geor - gia Sou - thern mem' - ries we'll



## Chorus



ma - ny hearts en - fold. Georgia Sou-thern U - ni - ver - si - ty, On ea-gles wings you  
keep with - in our hearts.



soar — We pledge to you our loy - al - ty and love for - ev - er more.

